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WELCOME!

The City of Edmonton welcomes you to Coronation 2000, the Wild Rose Cotillion! I am sure that this Milliner's Delight will be a great star-studded and glitzy evening. The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose is to be commended on this 25<sup>th</sup> Coronation Ball.

Best wishes to Emperor XXIV Garry and Empress XXIV Dyna Thirst and CONGRATULATIONS to the new Emperor and Empress for 2000!

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Welcome to everyone attending the 2000 Coronation Ball of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose! A special thank you to those who traveled from afar to partake in the celebration.

To the members of I.S.C.W.R., congratulations on your efforts to make Edmonton a better place. You are an inspiration on how to show leadership, to have fun and to contribute to the community.

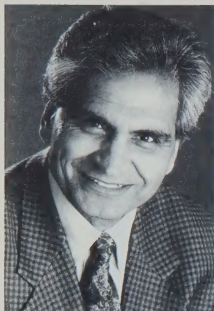
My thanks to the XXIV Empress and her Court for leading us into the Millennium. Congratulations and best wishes to the incoming Court and the XXV Empress.

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Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose  
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August 26, 2000

Dear Friends,

I would like to take a few words to wish you all the very best of luck in your annual event. I sincerely hope it is as successful this year as it has been in the past.

The colour and enthusiasm of the annual coronation makes this a memorable occasion.

I would also like to extend my most sincere support for Alberta's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities' inclusion in our province. Your contributions are a remarkable and special contribution to the Edmonton community.

Once again I wish you a happy and successful coronation.

Yours truly,

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## *Message from the President*

*I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Coronation 25. I hope each and every one of you who are visiting enjoys your stay with the Wildest Party Children of Canada.*

*For those of us that live in this city, this is the time we get to put our feet up and entertain our out of town guests. Next week we start all over again. Without your support, our successes would be non-existent. Over the last couple of years we have taken a new approach to fundraising. Instead of the old days when all we did was put on drag shows and the odd production number, we are now involved in events such as catering dances and beer gardens. We are also responsible for the 75% of the meals at the Great Alberta Campout, which starts next week. Besides the drag shows, Bingos, 50/50's and auctions, we find that to make more money it takes a lot of team work, not just make-up! Without these events that we work so hard at, we wouldn't be able to raise the funds for our charities that desperately need our help.*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors, of the 24<sup>th</sup> House, I would like to thank the Upper House and members, as well as all our friends we drag along to help.*

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*Jim McBride  
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*Thank you and enjoy!*

*Jim Wilkinson  
President*

## H.M.I.S.M. Emperor XXIV - Garry

*Good Evening, fellow Monarchs and Honored Guests. I would like to thank each and every one of you for coming here tonight to help us celebrate our entering the Twenty-fifth Reign here at the Canadian Hellenic Hall.*

My year as Emperor has been one of the most exciting times in my life. I have met so many wonderful people from all across Canada and the United States. There could not have been a better way to leave one millennium and enter another with such enthusiasm. Representing Edmonton has been a great honor - heightened for me because I am Canada's first black Emperor.

I thank all the people who voted for me last August and hope I lived up to most of your expectations. We all know that old saying "You can please some of the people some of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can not please all the people all the time." Any Emperor and Empress will understand what I am trying to say.

There are many people that I need to thank this past year and I am so afraid I will leave names out. I have seen people lose "Oscars" for less, but I will try my best.

I would first like to thank the monarchs. Their support helped me through this last year. Roxy and Sean (Calgary, AB), Robin (Hamilton, Ontario), Sushi (Vancouver, BC), Joanie (Vancouver, BC), Gracie (Edmonton, AB/Vancouver, BC), Willie (Vancouver, BC), Doug Gault (Vancouver, BC), Rhoda and Ernie (Vancouver, BC), Ellie Vader (Toronto, ON), Bob (Toronto, ON), Chantel (Toronto, ON), Joanne (Hamilton, ON), John Barryhill (Hamilton, ON), Tracy (Hamilton, ON), Mike (Hamilton, ON), Silky and Ralph (Seattle, WA). **THANK YOU ALL.**

I would like to thank all my friends in the Court of the Imperial Wild Rose who stood by me through thick and thin, helping me make it through this year. Many of you bitched and complained and made court meetings a living hell, but in the long haul, it made for a great year. You never left my side. You pushed me to the limit to make sure that I did not just do a good job but a great job representing this city as Emperor. **THANK YOU ALL.**

Special thanks to all my friends in Edmonton, the City of Champions:

**Bobby** - for all the gossip nights that we stayed late at the Roost and enjoyed. **Paul, Carl, Dee**, for all your help during the year allowing me to do shows at the Roost. **Dow Hicks**, for all your tremendous support throughout the year. **Gretchen**, for all the support talks during my reign. **Ron**, for knowing all the protocol. I would not have made it if it had not been for you letting me know what needed to be done. **Jim McBride**, for showing us what a true fighter can be, and boy did you prove it. **Brandi** for showing us what it means to be a good sport and the better person for it. **Scott & Twiggy**, for taking the time out of your busy schedules to help with our shows. **My Board of Directors**, you did a fabulous job this year. It will be hard for the next Board to top your year. **Sticky Vicky**, you never missed an event even if you could only spend a short time there. I

thank you for your support. **Weena Love**, for all the talks we had on Monday nights at the Roost. They say a great bartender is a great listener, and you are a great bartender. **Toots**, for always reminding me of the things that I did not do through out my year and making sure they were done. I look forward to your command for me at the ball I know it will be outstanding. **Johnny**, for the many times he graced our stages with that wonderful voice. Believe me, when you hear him tonight, you will understand what I am saying. Thank you, **Johnny**. **Jazzy Jeff**, for all the shooter sales you did at each show and for being the DJ at our productions. **Jim R** for going out of your way to make sure the memories never die.

I would also like to say thank-you to my **Half Emperor, Sean Boink** for all his support this year and the many e-mails asking how I was doing and if every thing was going well (P.S. Do not forget to have a few shooters with me throughout the night!) **Chris De Party & Leo**, for showing people that you do not always have to be part of the norm to be part of THIS norm.

I would like to mention some of the events that I had the pleasure of participating in during my year as Emperor:

**INVESTITURES** (Step-down and election of Edmonton's Prince & Princess)

**GLCEE YEARLY FUNDRAISER** (Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Edmonton)

**KAIROS HOUSE YEARLY FUNDRAISER** (hosted at the Roost, one of our gay dance clubs in Edmonton)

**EDMONTON'S AIDS WALK**

**THE ROOST MONTHLY CHARITY SHOW** (Hosted by the Prom King and Queen of Edmonton)

**MR AND MISS GAY PAGENT** (The crowing of the new Mr and Mz Gay)

**BOOTS CHARITY SHOW** (Boots The Blue Zone, a fabulous community bar)

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**MR VERA'S MONTHLY BINGO NIGHTS** (held at Secrets Bar & Grill, Edmonton's premier Lesbian Bar)

**GAY PRIDE PARADE 2000**

**GAY PRIDE DANCE**

**THE GAY PRIDE RALLY** (Thanks again to all those who participated in dunking me at the dunk tank - where'd you get such great aim?)

**THE PRODUCTION OF THE WIZ**

**THE PRODUCTION OF BEST LITTLE WHORE-HOUSE IN TEXAS**

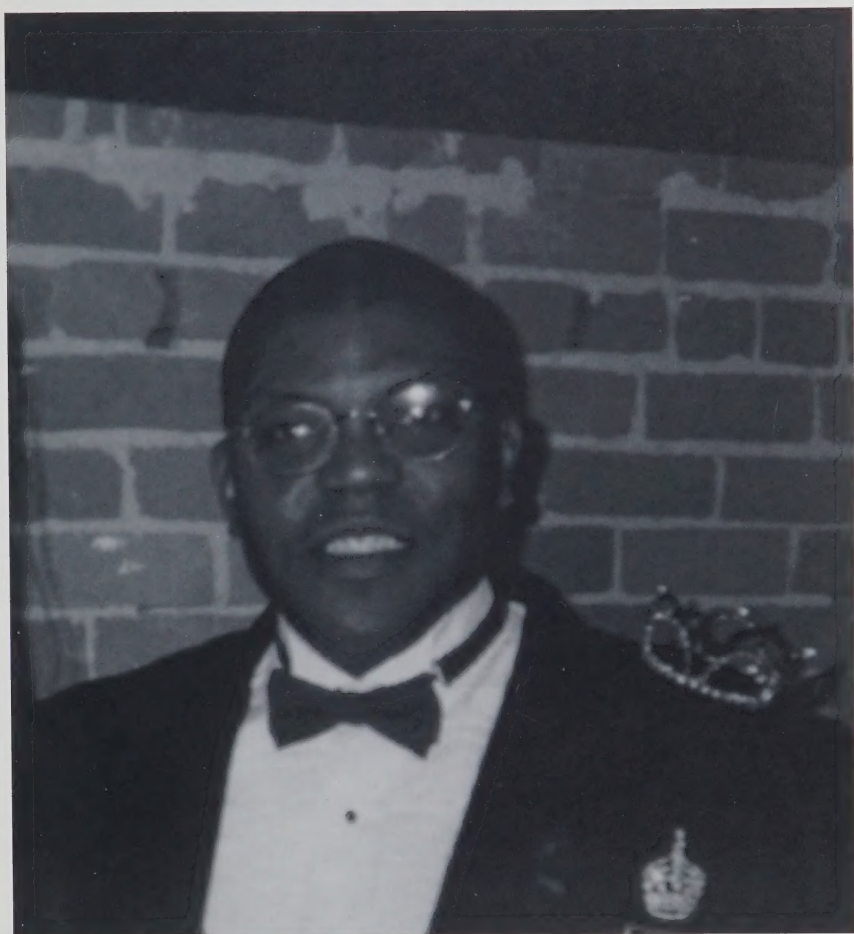
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H.M.I.S.M.  
Emperor XXIV  
Garry  
The Black Stallion

## H.M.I.S.M. Emperor XXIV - Garry

I have enjoyed being a part of all these events and thank all of those who helped make these events a success.

I would like to thank all those that participated in or production shows this year:

### BEST LITTLE WHORE HOUSE IN TEXAS

Ida, Ladonna, Leah, Dezyna, Vanity, Mr Vera, Duane, Darcy, Ron, Joe, Jim R, Gail, Jim and Dyna Thrust (oops! That's THIRST)

### THE WIZ

Chris, Bill, Terri, Ken, Shy, Berta, Sticky Vicky, Mr Vera, JP, Leah, Gail and Dyna Thirst

### CHICAGO

Twiggy, Vivian, Toni Lester, Mr Vera, JP, Ladonna, Derek, Terri, Jim, Dezyna, Ethyl Alcohol, and Dyna Thirst

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP.** We are truly blessed with an abundance of talent in this town.

**Ms Gay Edmonton XII Vanity Fair** – Thank you for your help, you will always be in my heart.

**Ms Gay Edmonton XIII Ladonna** - I could not have asked for a better job this year, keep it up for the rest of your reign

**Mr Gay Edmonton XIII Derek** – Thank you first for being a friend, and secondly, for showing that a person can always keep a smile on his face, no matter what. Keep up the good work this year as well.

**Imperial Crown Princes XXIV Dezyna Gowan** You did an absof\*\*\*inglutely fabulous job this year, and I know it was not easy. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your help in making it a success.

**Imperial Crown Prince XXIV Gail** - Gail, we did it! Neither of us had any idea what we'd gotten ourselves into when we started, but we made it through to the end. I respect you

so much getting through the year considering for all the personal problems that you've gone through in the last months. You are my mentor and I will always see you that way for the rest of my life. I love you so much you will always be my Soul Sister.

**My Half Emperor XXIV Sean Boink** - Thank you for your ongoing support this year. You still look good for a man that has been in the court system for so long. You still have all your hair and none of it is grey. You must tell me your secret (or at least the brand you use). I look forward to many more years working together with you and the Court of Calgary.

**Her Most Imperial Sovereign Majesty Empress XXIV Dyna Thirst** – There are no words that can state how happy I am that I had you (to work with ☺) this past year. I cannot believe that we made it through the year with not one argument or disagreement no matter what was going on around us. Having you by my side made my year more enjoyable than I could ever have hoped. I could not have had a better time, whether it was in town at a court function or out of town at a ball. All your ideas were great this year and each and every one of them a success. You are a good friend and I hope the bond we developed this last year will grow and carry on into our future endeavors. Love you always. You coax the blues right out of the horn.

**Consort to the Emperor Mark Spinks** - I would like to thank my life partner Mark for putting up with everything for the last year. (Besides, he did the editing) It is not easy to be a Consort to the Emperor, and he has been the most wonderful supporter that anyone could ask for. Not once did he ever complain about anything that I had to do in my year. If you do get chance to speak to him though out the evening - give him a pat on the back (and only on the back - I'll be watching), **Thank you my Love, my Life for everything.**

*What a learning experience this year has been! One soon learns to master the art of compromise in an association such as ours where everyone is unbelievably talented and everyone's idea is a great one! I am so very proud of what we have accomplished this year. A personal tragedy in my own family made it impossible for me to attend all of the out of town balls that I had hoped to make it to, but that is my one regret. I will always stand proud when I speak of being an Emperor in the Imperial Court of Edmonton.*

*My life has been enriched by the caring, laughter, and love that I have been able to be a part of in the last year, I am grateful to each and everyone of you for making that possible. Let's make tonight a night of mutual appreciation. We can relax, enjoy each other's company and celebrate being the people we are.*

**His Most Imperial Sovereign Majesty,  
Emperor XXIV  
Garry Samuels**

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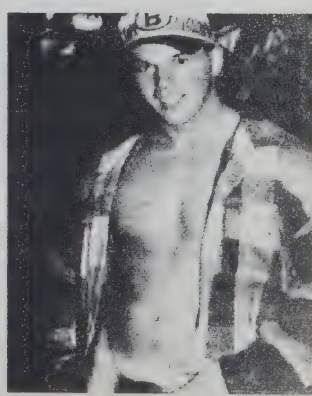
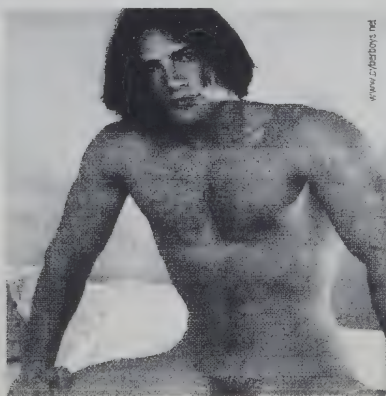
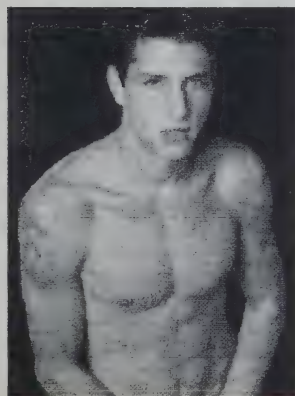
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Empress XXIV  
Dyna Thirst

*Well...this is the moment I have been dreading. I believe I'm not how much thought you put into it, it's gotta be the most difficult part of the year. I am sure that those of you who have been there know what I am talking about... the dreaded message. I look across my bed, and just as engrossed in the other computer, and her message, is my Prince, Gail. I bet she hates me for making her do this. (haha) And I am willing to bet that my Princess Dezyna is at home now writing here. It's 6 days 'til the ball, this has to be at the printers in 4 hours, and I am still working on the layout! I am so jealous of Furry, who wrote his early, and made it sound so fabulous! Please ya right Dyna... love nite mate 'til the letter ends!*

*I thought that I would mention only the ones who are really close to me, but was afraid that I would forget some. I also thought of trying to mention everyone (you, sure Dyna). Maybe I could just mention the ones I reigned with...and maybe I as a maximum of 2 really special ones... (hey, that could work). Over the last few months, I have picked up a pair of paper to make a few notes, but have always managed to convince myself that there were more "important" things to do. There was, however that early morning, about 3 months ago, where I sat outside in the sun...after a rough night of sleep...and told myself that I did not write my message that I would have to wait the flowerbed. I hate writing. Anyway, 2 flowerbeds later, I looked across the yard and that blank piece of paper was staring at me. The guilt must have taken over... I picked up the pen and started writing.*

Well...here I sit ... HUNGOVER!

You know when you get up in the middle of the night for a pee...then can't get back to sleep because a million thoughts are running through your head? GAWD I hate that!

*And that's about where it ended (I must have thought up something more "important" again.) Now I am down to the couch, and there is not enough time to put the thought into the that it deserves. This is too funny...The telephone just rang, and it was Dezyna, and she's RP'ing here now. What a bunch!*

*Well...up!*

Good evening ... bla bla bla ... you all know that part

This past year has taught me a lot of love about life. I spent too much time stressing over a lot of a lot of things... like, "Will the bitching ever end?", and, "I busted my butt during his/her year, where the hell is their support during mine?" It took a few months of beating my head against the wall before I realized "WHO CARES!?" and went on to the more important things in life ... like... "Why do they call it ONE SIZE FITS ALL, but the gusset is down by my knees?" ... "Am I getting fatter, or is Vera just getting tired of cinching me into this damn corset?" ... "Why does Spaz (my cat) dig her nails into me? Is she being affectionate, or was she a bloody acupuncturist in a past life?" ... "What ever happened to my gold panties?" ... "Where do all those missing socks really go?" ... "Why do cocktails taste so much better when someone else pays for them?" ... "Why didn't I run faster when I was stealing Tatyana's hat?" ... "Why doesn't someone sneak into our yard and weed the flowerbeds?" ... "Why do I use so many ellipses when I write?" and ... "What the hell did Liz steal when she was here?"

This has been a year of trial and error ... we tried a lot of new things and most of them worked ... a couple of them fell flat on their faces. I loved working together with the other community groups. It forced me to realize where they are coming from, and *helpfully* showed them that the Court if more than just a bunch of men running around in dresses. I know that I owe a huge apology to the cast, directors and choreographers of the production shows. On top of all the other activities, personal, business and court, I know we made your lives hell ... meetings ... rehearsals ... shows ... costumes ... deadlines ... scripts ... AAAUUUGH!! I know we were all burning out, but I also know that it was selfish on my part. I hate being on the stage alone! My ankles shake, my knees shake, and my mouth gets so dry that my upper lip gets stuck to my gums ... but having you all up there with me changed everything!

BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS was a show that I wanted to do for a long, long time. Finally my wish came true thanks to: Sheriff Ed Earl (Garry), the Senator (Gail), Melvin P. Thorpe (Leah), my girls (Dezyna, Vera, Ida, Ladonna, Leah & Vanity), the boys (Rhoda B, Duane, Darcy, Jim M, Jim R, Joe), and choreography (Rhoda B & Leah).

THE WIZ was Garry's baby. I know that he poured a lot of blood, sweat and tears into it. It was great to see him pull in a lot of "new blood" for this show.

My appreciation to: Garry, Leah, Dezyna, Vera, Gail, JP, Terri, Vicky, Chris, Bill & Ken.

CHICAGO came along during a very busy time for me. I owe a HUGE thanks to Twigg for her work on this one. I took a back seat and let her talents run wild (she even gave me a part in it). She put together a show that made us all look great, not to mention making a star out of Ida Claire :). She did in one rehearsal what it took a week to do in other shows. Thanks to Twigg and the cast: Garry, Ida, Vera, Dezyna, Gail, Ethyl, Ladonna, Derek, Toni, JP, Terri, Jim and Vivian.

OY...now the tough part (how the hell do you put all these people on a couple of pages??):

CALGARY, Ab: Roxy - You were amazing. You earned every bit of the respect your community showed you. *I still think I could kick your ass in a leg wrestle - just not tonight!* Sean - You were everything an Emperor should be with a nice butt too. *Funny on...I gotta throw on another pot of coffee. O.K. & on back. I has 'til the printers. Feel looks stressed...gonna check on my email...yikes...Dezyna beat me... her message is here!* Rhoda -

You've got the strangest sense of humour ... you never fail to crack me up. You have a natural beauty. *Probably that really pisses me off!* Ern(est)(n)e - I have always said that these Emperors that all of a sudden start doing drag and running for Emperesses must have "mad Emperor's disease", but you have to be the first one I know to go the "other way". I admire your flexibility...both as Ernie and as Ernestine, you've entertained the hell out of me. Helen: *didn't I just talk about "Mad Emperess" Disease?* *Oh, I did!* I owe ya big time, honey...hopefully, when you run for the "big hat" I can repay your generosity *I just hope she won't want her wardrobe back.* Marj & Sandy: I was so thrilled this afternoon when you called to say that you are going to be here next weekend. I can't wait to see you again. (p.s. Calgary couldn't have picked two more deserving Citizens of the Year...CONGRATULATIONS!) *I wonder if King ever learned how to throw a horseshoe, or if she still thinks it's a f...ing curse too.*

LONDON, Ont: I wish I could have made it there this year...but we are on the same night. I liked the idea of you coming here, and me going there, then doing our balls "Live...via satellite". Maybe next time. *They really have to change that date.* Buddy: You were loved by all who knew you, I know that you will always watch over the community that you loved so dearly. For such a shorty ... you stood tall above the crowd. I will miss you and hold you in my heart forever. *Now that was a tuff one! O.K. Dyna...companion.*

ST. KATHERINES, Ont: Rhonda: I am glad that Robin brought you out West. I have been travelling "the circuit" for a number of years now, and it was great to see you almost everywhere I went. I wish you could be here tonight, but I understand. *No, right?* You always have a smile that brightens up any room. *Probably doctors.*

HAMILTON, Ont: There are sooooo many there I would like to thank for your love and hospitality. *Dyna! Pick to spare! Only the ones you reigned with plus 2 others - is you are... O.K. & there it goes!* Tracy: You will learn to drink shooters again if I have to die of alcohol-poisoning convincing you. Thanks for the great time while I was there. *I hate people with better cleavage than me!* John B: It is great to see you continuing to represent your city. I know you had a rough year, but you had the courage to stick it out. *Did gotta teach him to carry a lighter though!* Tatyana: You have your shit together in ways I could only dream. I have admired the hell out of you since the first time we met. Pretty, talented and a definite fashion statement. *I hate her for that...no I love her for that...no, I hate...no...ugh!* John R: Is twice gonna be enough? You must be a sucker for punishment ;) Welcome back! You out-sparkle most of us girls. *Where the hell does he get these costumes?* Monro: We have had some great times (not to mention some great drunks). I can't wait to see you again in October *here we go again with that better cleavage thing.* Eve: Thanks for everything you have done for us during our visits there. Your limo service and tours were very much appreciated. Where the hell do you get your energy?? Fushata! *Again with the cleavage - why the hell do I like this city????* There are many more that I would like to mention there, but I gotta stick to my rules. *Although I miss the hell out of Niki, even though she gets me pissed, then pukes on the stairs. And then there is Norvika and C. Sierra and Damian and... "ugh"*

TORONTO, Ont: Chatel: You are one of the most beautiful emperesses I have ever met. *Ugh...I hate her for that!* Thelma: You have been a great friend for a lot of years now. I love you. *But I still don't want to see you naked!* Bitch: Humph! *God, I hate these pretty queens!* David: My nemesis ... mmm-wah! *He never told me that when I got the message "Dyna Threat", I would actually get the "Threat" to go along with it. Oh, sure...now Dyna is done and gone, too.*

WINNIPEG, Man: Congratulations! It was a privilege to be there for your So-Horny & Drew: What a pair of go-getters! The work that went into your ball was incredible!

Congratulations! *The bus tour was a little much on an old girl in a corset though.* Georgio & Electra: You have some big shoes to fill. I am glad to see that you have the support of your community behind you. *Not to mention E&E & C&S taste in S&E, P&S, & Donna & Luc: Potsa :)* All your work and guidance paid off. Now you can relax...or maybe not...I forgot about Calgary! *(Potsa)* REGINA, Sk: Yada: You pushy ol' broad ... Mr and Ms Gay Regina?!? You just can't get enough, can you? As long as it is working for you, have fun with it ☺. *Talk about a sucker for punishment!* Bob: Thanks for all the great times on "the circuit". *What a cutie!* Anne: You are one seriously twisted chick! Can't wait 'til your ball! Enjoy! *C&P's 5 hours... 'til the printers.*

VANCOUVER: English: You have to be the most colorful man I have met. *Kinda cute, too.* Joanie: I always got a chuckle out of the way you kept your man on such a sort leash. *I'd hang on to him, too.* Carlotta: Honey...when you party, you party HARD! *Abhh...to be that young (and skinny) again!* *What am I talking about??* *I was never that skinny!* Sushi: Beader extraordinaire! Thanks for everything ☺ *Pick up the damn phone!* Ted: Well, you said that you would put a crown on me someday ... guess you were right! *You just didn't tell me that it would leave a dent in the top of my head!*

SEATTLE: Mitchell & Gaysha: The two of you overcame all obstacles and succeeded beautifully. Shelly & Latrina: The best of luck to the two of you. Hope to get some time together in Vancouver. *Really: How do you see over her hair??* Silky: The perfect picture of what an Empress should be. Ralph: The perfect picture of what a husband should be. *You hearing this Sara??* Thank you both for being here tonight.

BOSTON: Daphne: You are too much fun. It was great to spend time with you in Winnipeg. *All big girls gotta stick together.* Kevin: My other Emperor ... can't wait to see you in Toronto. *At least this time we won't have to stick our faces in the sink!* BUFFALO: Gladys: You are too amazing!

DENVER: Jazzanne: Party chick! Can't wait 'til the next time!

OMAHA: Michael: Sorry to hear that you couldn't make it. I look forward to seeing you in Regina. *DeWB&Y, he's cute!*

SALEM: Ivonna: Call me...I lost your number!!!

MINNEAPOLIS: Rochelle: Kinda nice having the other bookend. Since I met you, I am thinking that it just might be time for me to take a little road-trip. Never been to Minneapolis before.

*My head is spinning... and am just now getting to Edmonton.*

The Bars: The Roost, Boots, Buddies, and of course Secrets. *I am not going to even attempt to start rattling off stiff names.* Thank you for support over the past year. The production shows we did were very successful for the court, and I hope they proved equally successful for you.

I cannot even begin thank all the people in Edmonton by name. There are too many of you that have supported and helped us. I have been proud to represent this city over the past year. To all those who participated in the shows, both on stage and behind the scenes, THANK YOU! To all those who donated, THANK YOU! To all those who supported THANK YOU!

Ida & Twigg: A HUGE thanks to a couple of girls who I have been proud and honored to call my friends. The two of you have been my leaning post throughout the year. I have dumped on you, whined to you and mostly counted on you. There's not enough room in this program to express my love and thanks. *Priff! I gave myself a loss.* Gretchen: There are not enough words to say how much I appreciated the little talks (usually slurs over a shot of Buca). They helped to keep me determined and focused. *Che hla hla* The Candidates: Good luck tonight to both of you. I will be there to help and support as much as I can.

Board of Directors: It was an uphill battle, but we've made it through.

Jim W - You had the conviction to stand behind what you believe. I admire that. Thank you for being there for me and for being a friend. *But S&P, m still not*

*sorry for putting Kool-aid in your shower-head.* Jim M - You are a stage hog!! Thanks for the help and support. The little pep-talks helped get me through some tuff times.

Then there are my sister Empresses: Sushi from Vancouver, Silky from Seattle, Kim from Edmonton, Rae from Regina, Gladys from Buffalo, Michelle DuBarry from Toronto, Tracy from Hamilton, Jazzanne from Denver, and Rochelle from Minneapolis.

Emperor 24 1/2 Sean: Thanks for being here, and for being there.

My 1/2 Empresses, Robin & Ellie: I needed two of them because I am kind of a big girl, and if I get "over-consumptuous", it'll take both of them to hold me up. Twigg always said, "You're too damn big to carry, and if you tip over, many small people and nations will get hurt" What a team! If we had JUST THE BOTTLE DEPOSITS from what we've consumed together, we could wipe out the national deficit. I couldn't imagine two great friends that I would rather share my Empress title with.

Mr & Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII, Derek & Ladonna - You two have the biggest hearts I have ever seen. You seem like such an amazing couple. I am so glad you found each other. Thank you so much for all the hard work and dedication over this past year. I sincerely appreciate the help with getting ready for the ball...when the time comes for your step-down, call me... I will be honored to help.

My Imperial Crown Prince XXIV, Gail - Our little rookie ☺. I know you got thrown into the middle of this, but you came shining through. Who knew that you were a natural performer, and an excellent host? All I expected from you was for you to be there, but you did so much more. You were the perfect representative for our city. You have such a magnetic personality that they can't help but love ya...I know I do. Enjoy tonight...and take pride in what we have accomplished by working together.

My Imperial Crown Princess XXIV, Dezyna - You have got to be the most incredible seamstress I have ever seen. I will never understand how you can see an outfit for 1/2 a second, then run home and make it ... usually with improvements. And with all the time you spend sewing for your friends, you still seem to have time to fit in an obscene number of clients (while all the while continuing to help and encourage new talent in our community ... how the hell many kids DO you have??) I know I have been demanding at times, but you stuck by me and we made it. Thanks for the mamarries :)

My Emperor XXIV, Gary - Well, we made it through the year! Seems so weird - sometimes it seemed like an eternity, but now, looking back, it seems like just yesterday. I really hope that you found it as rewarding as I did. We did our best and succeeded beyond expectation. No-one can ever take that away from us. Walk proud tonight, honey...you deserve it.

Vera - Thank you for sticking by me through this year. I know I must have been hell to live with, especially the last couple of months. Somehow, when Ron put that countdown timer on the website, it really hit home, and the panic started. You have been my greatest supporter since I first mentioned that I may consider running for Empress. Rather than holding me back, you encouraged me, and helped me to realise my dream. I hope I can do the same for you with my love and support. Good luck to you and Ron tonight ... and I hope it becomes as rewarding for you as it has been for me.

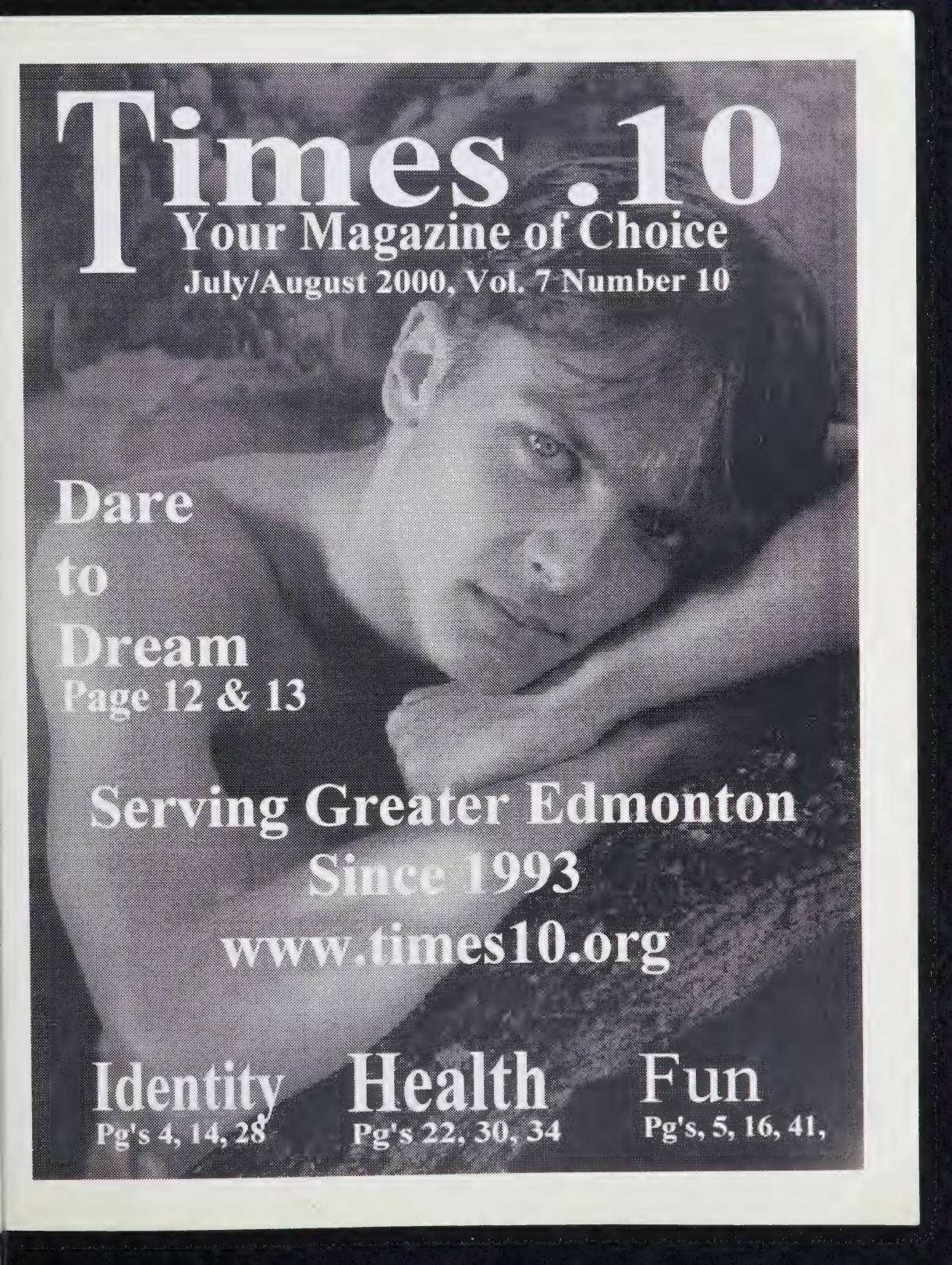
In closing, I would like to offer a few words of advice to anyone thinking of running for a title: 1.) Don't do it to boost your ego, because it probably won't. Just as quickly as you stick your nose up in the air, there is a lineup of people waiting to slap it back down or watch you fail. It is a huge commitment of your time, money and possibly sanity. Remember that you are there to serve your community, not to have them serve you. 2.) There will always be those who will stand in your way. When you can't get around them, go over them and keep going. Keep your tummy in, shoulders back, chest out (Girls, this one makes your ta'ta's look bigger), chin up and follow your heart. If it is in the right place, it will lead you. This will probably be the most memorable year of your life...don't let a few people turn it into a bad memory. 3.) The rewards for a job well done are in your heart, not in your head.

Enjoy this evening everyone! *And spend some money...it might be a bull, but we are still trying to make some money here! I am soooooo late for the printers now ... yikes ... gotta run.*

Thank you and good night!

I remain,  
Her Most Imperial Sovereign Majesty  
Empress XXIV

*Dyna Thirst*



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# *The Imperial Houses Under Millicent*

**XIV**

DECADE Celebration of The Fourteenth Imperial House Of Silver Tongs And Dance

Emperor XIV & Empress XIV - Rob & Leah Way

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Pepe & Twiggy

Halves - Carla & Justine Tyme

**XV**

The Most Excellent Fifteenth Imperial House Of The Divining Rod...A New Decade

Emperor XV & Empress XV - Pierre & Twiggy

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Nellie Michael & Jackie 2 Step

Halves - Andrew Kennedy & Ty Morgan

**XVI**

The Sixteenth Imperial House Of Women On The Edge - The Northern Light Star Court

Emperor XVI & Empress XVI - Brian & Mandy

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Darryl & Ginger Snapped

Half - Cher-A-Little Smith

**XVII**

The Recycled Environmentally Friendly Seventeenth Imperial House Of Androgyny

Emperor XVII & Empress XVII - Mr. Vera & Mary Mess

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Toni & Marsha Black

Halves - Andy Rogenous & Dawn Valley Parkway

**XVIII**

The Eighteenth Imperial Carrot House Of Life, Liberty And The Pursuit...

Emperor XVIII & Empress XVIII - Toni Curtis & Marsha Black

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Jim & Gretchen Wilder

Halves - M&M & Marsha Mason

**XIX**

The Nineteenth Imperial House Of G.I. Gals And Glamorous Joes

Emperor XIX & Empress XIX - Jim & Gretchen Wilder

Imperial Crown Prince - Horst

Halves - Kevin Raleigh & Ophelia

**XX**

The Twentieth Imperial Color Coordinated House Of

Lace, Lamee And Lounge Acts

Emperor XX & Empress XX Mr. Vera & Tootsanelda Whoofenpeekhole

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Jim & Weena Luv

Halves - Bob Toane & Izora Jackson Jones

**XXI**

The Twenty-First Imperial House Of Turn-A-Bout Is Fair Play

Emperor XXI - Signy

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Ed & Endora

Halves - John Ribson & Mz. Rhonda

**XXII**

The Twenty-Second Imperial House

Emperor Regent & Empress XXII - Brian & Jackie Two-Step

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Scott & Roxanne Hurd-Pride

Halves - Glen Anderson & Kim Would

**XXIII**

The Twenty-Third Imperial House Of Luv

Empress XXIII - Weena Luv

Imperial Crown Prince & Princesses - Chris D'Party & Sticky Vicky/Ida Claire

Halves - Sushi & Vera

**XXIV**

The Twenty Fourth Imperial Dynasty Of Ebony & Ivory

With Fried Chicken, Watermelon And Ta-Ta's For Days

Emperor XXIV & Empress XXIV - Garry & Dyna Thirst

Imperial Crown Prince & Princess - Gaily Forward & Dezyna Gowan

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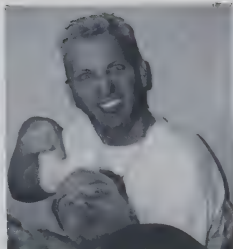
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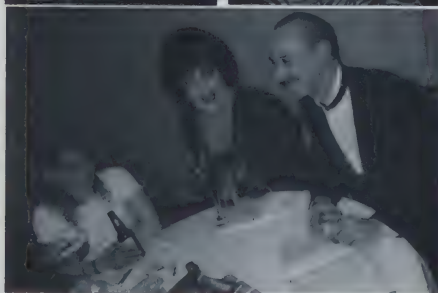
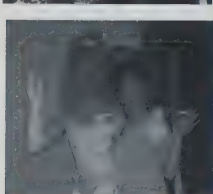
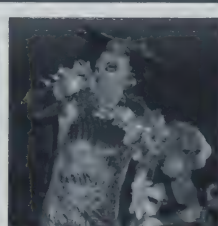
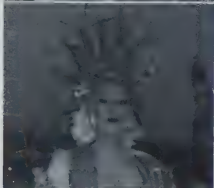
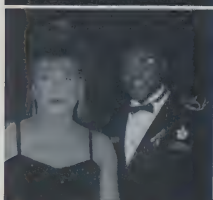
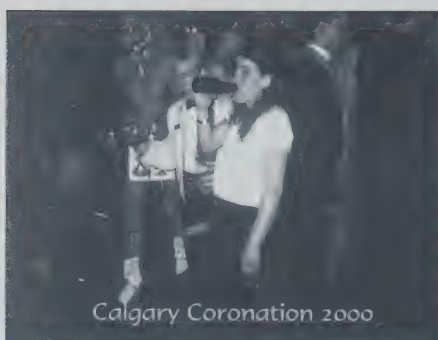
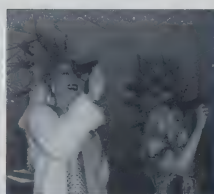
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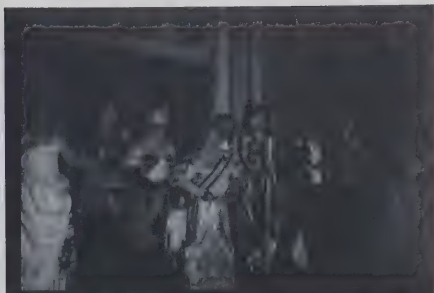
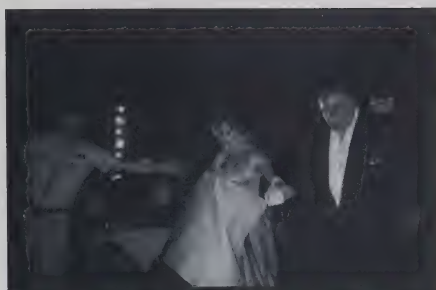
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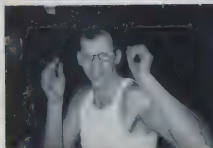
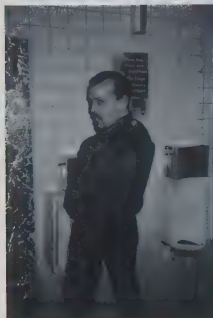
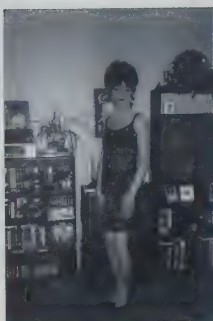






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# Aspirants to the Throne



Candidate for  
Emperor 25  
Ron Byers



Candidate for  
Empress 25  
Mr. Vera

# Agenda

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies  
Presentation of the Flags  
National Anthems  
Invocation

Opening Number by the 24<sup>th</sup> Imperial Dynasty of Ebony & Ivory ... with  
Fried Chicken, Watermelons and Ta-ta's for Days

Dinner

## Set One

Introduction of Guest Emcee  
Introduction of Attendant to the Dais  
Introduction of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose  
Presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award  
Presentation of the Millicent Award  
In & Out of Town Business and Organizations walks  
Presentation of John M. Kerr Memorial Scholarships  
U.S. and Canadian Court Walks  
Candidate Performance – Candidate for Emperor XXV, Ron Byers  
Candidate Performance – Candidate for Empress XXV, Mr. Vera

...during the break ...

Performance by Imperial Crown Princess XXIV, Dezyna Gowan

## Set Two

Introduction of Guest Emcee  
Introduction of Attendant to the Dais  
Excuse Dais  
Introduction of Guests to the Dais  
Command Performances  
Excuse Guests to the Dais  
Last Walk of Imperial Crown Prince XXIV, Gaily Forward  
Last Walk of Imperial Crown Prince XXIV, Dezyna Gowan

...during the break ...

Performance by the Court Cast of Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

### Set Three

Introduction of Guest Emcee  
Introduction of Attendant to the Dais  
Introduction of Emperor XXIV Garry  
Introduction of Empress XXIV Dyna Thirst  
Introduction of Guests to the Dais  
Court Performances  
Command Performances  
Excuse Guests to the Dais  
Excuse Emperor XXIV Garry  
Excuse Empress XXIV Dyna Thirst

...during the break ... Performance by Entertainer of the Year 2000/01,  
Vanity Fair

### Set Four

Introduction of Guest Emcee  
Introduction of Attendant to the Dais  
Performance by Empress IV, Mr. Rae St. Claire  
Introduction of Decade and Double Decade Monarchs  
Introduction of Guests to the Dais  
Anniversary Walk, Empress XXIII, Weena Luv  
Command Performances  
Excuse Guests to the Dais  
Decade Walk of Imperial Crown Princess XIV, Empress XV, Twiggy  
Decade Walk of Empress XIV, Leah Way  
Double-Decade Walk of Empress IV, Mr. Rae St. Claire

...during the break ... Performances by Mr. & Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII, Derek  
& Ladonna

### Set Five

Introduction of Guest Emcee  
Introduction of Attendant to the Dais  
Introduction of Mr. & Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII, Derek & Ladonna  
Introduction of Emperor XXIV½ Sean Boink  
Introduction of Empresses XXIV½ Robin Derring & Ellie Vader  
Introduction of Emperor & Empress XXIV Garry Samuels & Dyna Thirst  
Last Walk of Emperor XXIV½ Sean Boink  
Last Walk of Empress XXIV½ Ellie Vader  
Last Walk of Empress XXIV½ Robin Derring  
Last Walk of Emperor XXIV Garry  
Last Walk of Empress XXIV Dyna Thirst

Introduction of College of Monarchs  
Introduction of Empress of Canada ted north  
Coronation Ceremony

## John M Kerr Scholarship Fund

The John M. Kerr Memorial Scholarship was initiated in 1984 and has, since that time, given out a minimum of two \$500.00 awards at the annual Coronation Ball. Students applying for post secondary education, which will benefit the Les-Bi-Gay community of Edmonton, are eligible to apply. The Fund was initiated by Empress VIII and XVII Mary Mess and is administered by the Board of Directors of the New Royalist Social Society of Northern Alberta. The College of Monarchs has organized fund raising shows.

## The John De Smit Citizen of the Year Award

The Citizen of the Year Award is presented annually to a person who has contributed freely to making the Gay community in the City of Edmonton a better place to live. This contribution, although not necessarily publicly acclaimed, is one that allows each of us to move through life more freely and with more companionship among our neighbors and acquaintances.

John DeSmit was a man at ease with life and socialised freely with everyone around him. He loved having a good time and demanded nothing from those he encountered. He showed the unaware that gay people are worth caring about. He was cared about by many people from all walks of life and his untimely death was a tragic loss to all who knew him.

### Past Award Recipients Were:

77 - 78	John Reid	85 - 86	Darren Hagen	93 - 94	Chance Winn
78 - 79	Jim Herbert	86 - 87	Kyle Edgar	94 - 95	Mark Bilko
79 - 80	Ron Byers	87 - 88	Kevin Hendricks	95 - 96	
80 - 81	Pat Fortier	88 - 89	Sam Evanochko	96 - 97	Dennis Cambly
81 - 82	Ron and Ross Hahn	89 - 90	Mother Jean	97 - 98	Fred Dicker
82 - 83	Michael Phair	90 - 91	Lloyd Gobeil	98 - 99	
83 - 84	John M. Kerr	91 - 92	Michael MacKinnon	99 - 00	Robert Smith
84 - 85	Michael Ritter	92 - 93	Conrad Dragu	00 - 01	<i>Presented this</i>

## The Empress I Millicent Lifetime Achievement Award

The Millicent Award is a lifetime achievement award given to an individual who has demonstrated 10 years of service to the Court and community as a whole.

97 - 98	Mother Jean	98 - 99	Tony Jansen	99 - 00	Marsha Black	00 - 01	<i>Presented this</i>
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## Mr. Gay Edmonton XIII

Since becoming Mr. Gay Edmonton XIII, I have met many friends and have had new paths put before me. I feel that I have become more aware of the gay and lesbian community as a whole and have an appreciation for the work that the court does within the gay community.

I find the work and the representation I do for the court is both satisfying and more importantly, rewarding.

I enjoy helping out with shows, bingo's, raffle tickets, fans and court protocol with my better half, Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII, Ladonna. I

feel and am willing to do more for the Gay and lesbian Community.

I would like to thank the Court and the rest of the Gay Community for all their support, generosity, faith and confidence in me as Mr. Gay Edmonton XIII. Also, congratulations to Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII, Ladonna for all her help.

My love and love to His Majesty, Emperor XXIV Garry and Her Majesty, Empress XXIV Dyna Thirst for all the love, wisdom and friendship.

Thank you Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII, Ladonna for all your help, support and love through our reign.

Thanks!  
Derek

## Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII

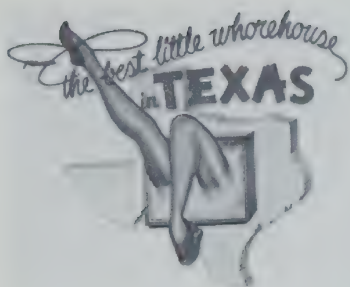
It has been six months since I became your Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII. It is a rewarding and fun experience. My appreciation to all those who have attended and supported Edmonton's Gay and Lesbian Community events. I enjoyed attending the Mr. & Mz. Gay Calgary XVI pageant.

Congratulations to Dion & Dionne on a great year and welcome to Marty & Kylie, Calgary's newest Mr. & Mz. Gay.

I would like to thank Dyna Thirst, Empress XXIV and Garry, Emperor XXIV and the other members of the I.S.C.W.R. for their guidance and friendship.

A special thanks to Mr. Gay Edmonton XIII, Derek. He has been an endless source of support, love and friendship. It is my pleasure and honor to be your Mz. Gay Edmonton XIII. I look forward with enthusiasm to the next six months.

Luv  
Ladonna



### The Cast

Miss Mona ..... Dyna Thirst  
 Sheriff Ed Earl ..... Garry  
 Senator ..... Gaily Forward  
 Melvin P. Thorpe.....Leah Way  
 Narrator ..... Rhoda B.  
 The Maid ..... Garry  
 "The Girls" ..... Dezyna  
 ..... Mr. Vera  
 ..... Ida Claire  
 ..... Ladonna  
 ..... Vanity Fair  
 ..... Leah Way  
 "The Boys" ..... Jim M.  
 ..... Rhoda B.  
 ..... Joe  
 ..... Duane  
 ..... Darcy  
 ..... Jim R.

Choreography by

Rhoda B.

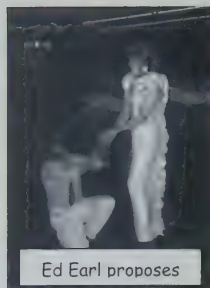
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Leah Way

Miss Mona introduces the boys to "her girls"



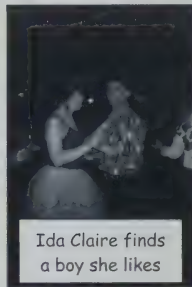
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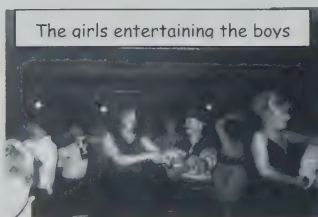
The girls kick up their heels



Ida Claire finds  
a boy she likes



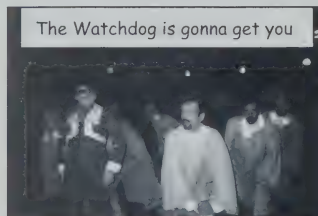
The girls entertaining the boys



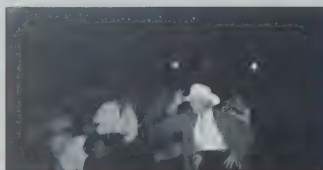
Little Bitty Pissant Country Place



The Watchdog is gonna get you

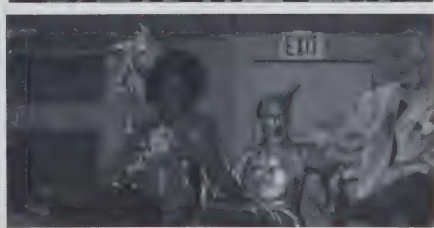
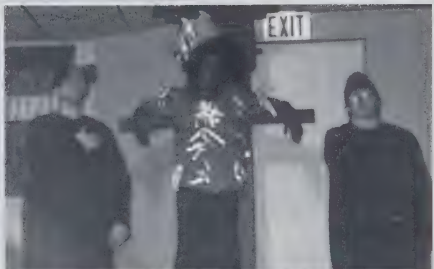
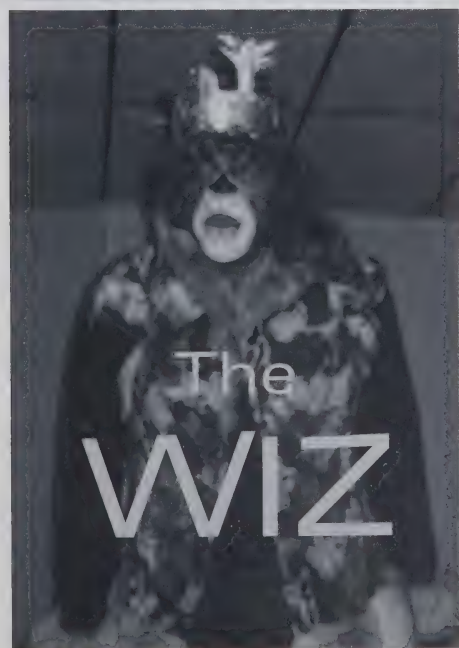
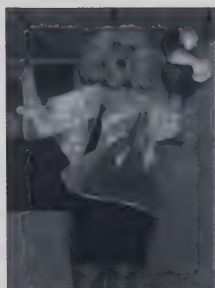


Getting ready for the girls



The Senator gives the boys a little advice before heading to the "Chicken Ranch"







# CHICAGO

THE MUSICAL



Decade Celebration of  
Emperor & Empress  
XIV  
Rob & Leah Way

Double Decade  
Celebration of  
Emperor & Empress  
IV  
Michael &  
Mr. Rae St. Claire



FROM EMPRESS 24 1/2

**hey Dyna!**  
**...Pass the Hooch!**

A Big Steel-City Thank You...  
For choosing Me as Your Half.  
You have made me so proud!

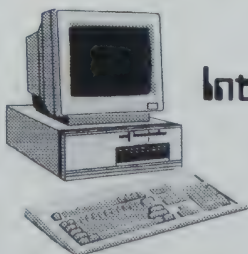
*Robin*

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## Ultimas

The Title "Ultima" is a special honor bestowed on individuals who have made remarkable contributions to Court life. The recipients must be approved by both the Imperial Sovereign Court Of the Wild Rose (Edmonton) and the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Chinook Arch (Calgary) and their titles are considered lifetime and part of both courts.

His Most Imperial Godfather Ultima of All  
Alberta  
Clint (Calgary)

Her Most Imperial Godmother Ultima of All  
Alberta  
Rae St. Claire (Regina)

Imperial Grand Mama Ultima of All Alberta  
Tina (Vancouver)

Imperial Gay Mother of All Alberta  
Mother Jean (Edmonton)

Imperial Crown Prince Ultima of All  
Alberta  
Michael Kurylo (Edmonton)

Imperial Bitch Supreme of All Alberta  
Ernestine (Calgary)

Neat Lady Ultima of All Alberta  
Margaret Kirkeby (of Calgary)

The Ultimate Legend In Her Own  
Lunchtime of All Alberta  
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## The Gay Edmonton's

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Mr. Gay IX Jason  
Mr. Gay X Celeste  
Mr. Gay XI Bruce Lee  
Mr. Gay XII Mr D.  
Mr. Gay XIII Derek

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Mz. Gay I Leah Way  
Mz. Gay II Stella Bodeen  
Mz. Gay III Weena Luv  
Mz. Gay IV Ashley  
Mz. Gay V Barb Wire  
Mr Gay VI Donna DuYaWanna  
Mz. Gay VII Reba  
Mz. Gay VIII Sticky Vicky  
Mz. Gay IX Eva  
Mz. Gay X Lovec  
  
Mz. Gay XII Vanity Fair  
Mz. Gay XIII LaDonna

### Ms. Gay Edmonton

Ms. Gay I Karen  
  
Ms. Gay II Rose  
Ms. Gay III Allie  
Ms. Gay IV Rose



*Good evening ladies and gentlemen, monarchs and dignitaries. Welcome to "The Big Onion" and the social event of the season. If you don't have a great time tonight, shame on you! I know I'll be the one dancing on the table with the lampshade on my head at the end of the evening. Please feel free to join me, after all there's no such thing as having too much fun at the Edmonton Ball.*

When Ida and Twiggy suggested that I run as the Imperial Crown Prince, I of course being completely ignorant of the Court, asked, "so what exactly does a Prince do anyway". They both looked at each other and grinned mischievously, "Oh fetch things for the girls, light their cigarettes, and occasionally do some fund raising". "No problem, I can do that". Two days later Dyna called and said "we're putting on a full-scale production of "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas", and you're going to have a solo number as the Governor". "Oh my God, you're kidding, right"! Well here goes nothing, buckle up baby, this is going to be one hell of a ride.

Thus began a year that has been exiting, and infinitely rewarding. I am so very proud to have been Imperial Crown Prince of the Court of the Wild Rose this past year. The friendships that I have made and the unbelievable support I received from everyone has been to say the least overwhelming. As an Ambassador to the lesbian community, I so much wanted to involve the women in the court and help them to understand the amazing work that is being done all year, especially in the aspect of charity fund raising. I hope that I have been able to accomplish this goal in some small way. Even though I will be stepping down as Prince, I will continue to support the Court in every way possible, and encourage other lesbians to do the same.

Now the hard part! How do I say thank you to so many in such a little space. I can't begin to list those of you that have been there for me through out the year, I hope you know who you are. To all of you who call me friend, bless you. You have enriched my life in so many remarkable ways. Even though I had a very difficult year personally and at times, wasn't able to perform my duties as well as I would have liked, never once did I hear a complaint from those who went to bat for me and worked even harder. Without your support, love and a bushel full of laughs, I really don't know how I would have survived, let alone completed my reign.

I would like however to mention a few who shall we say, were my "Princely Trainers": Twiggy and Ida Claire: Sometimes I'm not sure if I should shoot you or hug you for getting me involved, but one thing is for sure, in my world "YOU ROCK". You both have done so much for the Court this year and I thank you for being such wonderful role models for me. Twiggy, who else would have come up with my name, "Gaily Forward", a name I'm delighted to have. Ida, well you're just too darn cute for your own good. Hogs and kisses to you both.

Mr. Vera: I love you more than my luggage! You are amazing both in your energy and enthusiasm, and I am honoured to say that you have become a soul-mate and a brother to me. Any time, anywhere, what ever you may need, please know that I will be there for you. Except windows, I don't do windows!

A big hearty thanks to: All of the owners and staff at The Roost, Buddies, and Boots who gave us the opportunity to achieve our goals.

We would never have accomplished what we did without your support and generosity. Everyone treated me with respect and kindness, although I think I surprised a few of you at the beginning of my reign. A lesbian Prince, "what's that about?" See ya real soon!

Secrets, my home away from home; WOW... Elizabeth and Terri, what ever I needed, you came through for me. There have been such amazing memories and great times that so many of us shared because you had the "balls" to leave your home city, Calgary, to open a Lesbian/Gay bar here in Edmonton. I now have a family where there was none. Your courage and conviction has impacted my life in ways which are profound to say the least. To all the girls, boys, girly boys and boyly girls whom I've met at Secrets, thank you for making my spirit soar. Love, kindness, support, friendship; we mustn't forget PARTYS. All of these reasons and so much more is why I'm sitting at this damn computer at two in morning, six hours before the ball program has to be at the printers. It's all your fault! Afterall I wouldn't be Prince had I not met you. By the way Dyna's five feet away working on her message and her eyes are even redder than mine. I'm now finished and she's not (na na na na na na).

The Executive: I want to thank you for your tremendous effort and commitment to make this year such a success. I learned a great deal from all of you, especially when the monthly meetings were. Oy, what a memory!

Dezyna Gowan: My beautiful Princess. You always look stunning. The gowns that you produce are awesome. Of course they were usually some little number you just whipped up which just happened to include five bizzillion beads that had to be sewn on by hand. Even though we had just met, you accepted me as your Prince right from the beginning and always made me feel so special. Thank you from the bottom of my big ol' heart.

Garry: My "Lion" hearted Emperor. "Sweetie", you really are special to me and I thank you for your support and all the great hugs. You did however, cause me some concern this year when you were producing "The Wiz". Even though a nervous breakdown was imminent, you pulled it off and did a fantastic job. Congratulations and thanks for asking me to be the "Tin Man". I had a blast!

Dyna Thirst: No dictionary would have enough words to tell you how much you mean to me. I hope I have lived up to your expectations as your Prince. You were a tremendous Empress this year and I'm sure the next Empress, (I wonder who that will be?) will appreciate how difficult it is to fill your shoes. I should know, I've tried them on. You light up the room when you enter it, even though you have that dreaded affliction, "Costume Interruptus". Try and keep your wig on and "Oh please don't let me see you do a nose dive on the stage. It's sooooo .... Embarrassing! You crack me up! All fun aside; I am so proud to have been your prince "Gaily Forward". Dyna, I adore you. You know, writing this message was even harder than being a Crown Prince. After all this is my first one and I have a strong feeling it won't be my last. Who knows there is always Emperor or dare I say it, yes I can see it now..... Ladies and Gentlemen we are pleased to introduce Her Imperial Majesty Empress ??? "Gaily Forward".

*If my mom could see me now!*

B.B.B.B.. That's all, folks

His Most Imperial Sovereign Highness

*Gaily Forward*



*A gracious welcome to out of town dignitaries, honoured guests and friends. We are the 24<sup>th</sup> Dynasty of Ebony & Ivory with Fried Chicken, Watermelon and Ta ta's for days, and we all hope you enjoy your visit to Edmonton's coronation as much as we enjoyed visiting yours. So hold on to your hats, and prepare yourself for a night of fun and frivolity at the Wild Rose Cotillion a milliner's delight.*

**Vancouver:** I must say Joanie and English, you sure know how to throw a ball. I had an absolutely fabulous time. Between all the events leading up to it and right up to the victory brunch, it was nonstop entertainment. It was such and honour to win best entrance at the out of town show. I was thrilled to be able to perform the night of the ball. Sushi, I promise I'll get those beads to you some day, when the disco ball called my life slows down a little. It is a real comfort to know that there is someone out there with more patients for beading than me. Carlotta, congrats again on winning. I'm sure you are doing a fabulous job as empress and Vancouver is fortunate to have you representing them. Ivana booking, what can I say? You kept me laughing and it was great to meet a girl like you. Wish you could have come. I guess I'll have to see you in your town. Kristy Krunt the songbird of the circuit. It is a pleasure to be able to call you my friend. Thanks again for pulling your weight to get us in that night at the Odyssey. I am taking vocal lessons as we speak so that one day I will be able to belt them out as well as you do. Mandy, thanks for your support and for giving me the bug. It is great to see that you are doing so well in Vancouver. And to the greatest find of all, Nina Tron. Who would have known when we met at last years coronation in Edmonton that we would become so close. There is nothing like bonding with a fellow sister and I feel like this bond will last a lifetime. Lets have three cheers for the big nose sister's society. I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed our weekly hunting expeditions. Watch out for those headlights! And to everyone else who was at Vancouver's coronation, I'm sorry I passed out at the princess party. But from the sounds if it, it didn't faze anyone in the least.

**Calgary:** First of all, I want to thank Roxy for coming to investitures last year. It was wonderful having support from our sister city. I promise that I will remember your name from now on. Kim would, from the first time I met you, you made a very deep impression on me. Not to mention those wonderful tits of yours. Maybe you should be part of our house, Ta ta's for days! Thanks for being such a great friend. I always look forward to seeing you.

Rhoda Stiffy and Ernie, I hope you two are enjoying your reign. I am hoping to make it down to Calgary to support you in any way I can over the next year, not to mention seeing you at our ball. Let's sit down and have a viddy and get to know each other better! Carly, you skinny bitch! I can't wait until you reach that point in your life when I get that phone call telling me that you are in desperate need of a corset. You are too much fun girl, loved partying with you in Van and Calgary and am so looking forward to doing the same in Edmonton. Rhonda, it's always great to see you. Sorry we lost touch. Let's do lunch the next time I am in Calgary. I know that I didn't travel much during my reign, but I did meet some amazing people when I did. Robin, my empress and a half, my co-designer and goddess extraordinaire. You continue to be an inspiration to me. Your warmth and kindness are things I look forward to everytime I see you. Not to mention your caustic wit! And that look, you have to teach me how to do that. Rhonda Richards, thanks for the amazing picture you took of me in Vancouver's ball. Who would have thought that a urinal would make such a glamorous accessory. You are a great girl and I have enjoyed all the time I have spent with you. Jazz Anne, I'm so sorry I didn't get to spend time with you in Vancouver. The passed out thing again. My husband says you are one of the sweetest, classiest people. I am so looking forward to seeing you here so that I can find out for myself.

**Edmonton:** Liz and the staff at secrets, thanks for all the support you have given us over the last year. I promise that the next Shania number is dedicated to you. I'm still waiting for the call to finish your frock. Carl and Paul at the roost. You both have been so good to me. So supportive, and for that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Jim and the staff at Buddies, thanks for the support, and the best of luck in your new space. I look forward to performing there. Leah Way, thanks for your wonderful coreography in whorehouse. It was a pleasure working with someone as professional as you. Ida, my mommy princess, remember I got to break in the crown before you. Thanks for your support. Mark, you know that dress, wig and heels are just sitting waiting for you, pending Garry's approval. I feel like I can give birth maybe just one more time. Weena, you are a constant source of fun and laughter not to mention other things that I don't care to mention in the program. He he. The next shooter is on me! It will even be sambuca if you like. Twiggy, words do not express how I feel about you. You are a constant inspiration and give me the drive to do the best I can possibly do. It is so nice to finally know the real you and to be able to call you my friend. Oh and thanks for the name mom. Pepper, my little dancing diva! Thanks for helping to bring out the little bit of rhythm I have. It's nice to know I don't have two left feet now. It is always a thrill to work with people as talented as you are. See you tomorrow. Kitten, kitten, kitten the only good daughter I have. I klep naches watching you blossom into such a wonderful performer. How about having the next rehearsal at Kenny Rogers Roasters? Bianca, my true friend and confidant. The past couple of years have been trying at times, but I'm glad you are finally back from the rainforest taking mini mushroom samples. It's o-tay! If it wasn't for you, I don't know if I would be here right now. Thanks to you and you alone I am starting to feel it from the inside. Not that the outside isn't important too. Swiss chalet at our place on the weekend, okay? I love you Bianca.

Rhoda/Ron, you are the cd burning life saving queen. I can't thank you enough and ethyl has not forgotten about those drinks at the victory brunch either. Best of luck to you tonight and always. Vera is pretty, Vera is pretty. Can I stop making that damn V symbol under my chin now? All the best sweetie. Your friendship means so much to me. I know I can always call you a true friend. For god's sake, when are you going to do a duet with my husband?

Vanity, I will never be skinny enough to do a cartwheel in a corset on stage. I'll leave that to you. I really enjoyed our time reigning together. Us country queens have to stick together. Ladonna, you are a true asset to this house. I can't thank you enough for your support.

Gaily forward, for someone who doesn't like to perform, you sure know how to bring the house down when you do. Your warmth towards me is a treasure. Not to mention all your support. Reigning with you has been fantastic. I look forward to our friendship for years to come. You will always be my prince in silver lame.

Garry, you made a fine emperor. Thanks for making me the prettiest girl in the Wiz. I tip my tiara to you.

Dyna thirst. And boy am I ever. We have had one roller coaster of a year. And our tit's still look great! It was an absolute pleasure reigning under you, one of the hardest working empresses this city has ever seen. You have done an amazing job. Let's sit back and enjoy tonight because you've earned it. I am proud to be your princess.

*Have a wonderful night all.*

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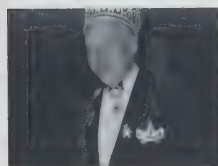
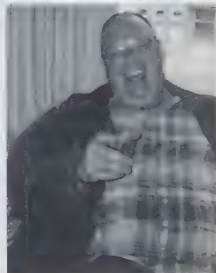
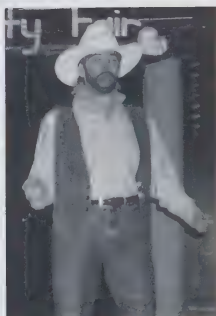
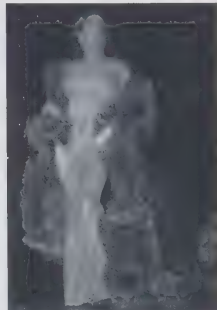
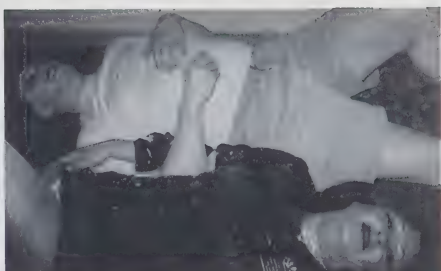
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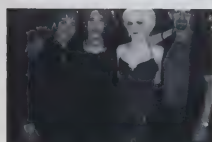


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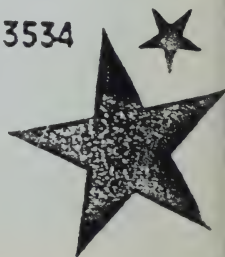
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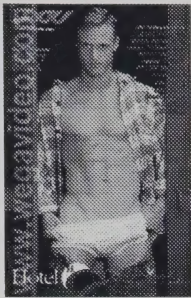
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